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James R Blanchfield	inq. comments on PR Docket 92-235

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Mr. Ralph Haller
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Private Radio Bureau
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Haller:

My office has been contacted by Mr. James R. Blanchfield of McLean, Virginia, Virginia, expressing concern about R/C modelers. I am enclosing copies of the correspondence I have received.

I would appreciate it very much if you could review this information as you prepare your regulations in this area. Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Robb

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3. How many letters were submitted to the NPRM docket, which closed on May 28, 1993.

4. How many of those letters supported the proposed rulemaking?

5. How many of those letters opposed the proposed

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of the Interior has determined that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The State submittal which is the subject of this rule is based upon counterpart Federal regulations for which an economic analysis was prepared and certification made that such regulations would not have a significant economic effect upon a substantial number of small entities. Hence, this rule will ensure that existing

smooth and least cost transition to more efficient technologies.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 23, 1993, and reply comments must be filed on or before April 14, 1993.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doron Fertig, Private Radio Bureau, Land Mobile and Microwave Division, Policy and Planning Branch, (202) 632-6497.

employ marketplace forces and incentives to enable licensees to negotiate with existing licensees to convert channels from shared to exclusive use. No existing licensee would be forcibly displaced under this plan.

3. Third, the proposed rules would provide technical flexibility in a regulatory structure designed to maximize the opportunities to use advanced technologies, such as trucking and digital modulations.

4. Fourth, the Notice proposes to

requirements. The new part 88 will be much more user friendly than part 90.

B. Objectives

10. We seek to reexamine our general rules and policies for private land mobile radio use in the bands below 800 MHz in order to improve spectrum efficiency, and thus meet the varied communications needs of industry and the public safety community, without excessively burdening existing licensees or increasing administrative costs to the Commission. Overall, these proposed rules would increase efficiency by industry and the public safety community.

C. Legal Basis

11. The proposed action is authorized under section 4(1), 303(g), 303(r), and 331(a) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. 154(r), 303(g), 303(r), and 332(a) (1988).

D. Reporting, Recordkeeping and Other Compliance Requirements

12. Licensees seeking exclusivity would have to file an application indicating that certain co-channel licensees have granted concurrence to freeze licensing on a certain frequency in a certain geographic area. Type acceptance of narrowband transmitters is needed. The channel split requires bandwidth to be reduced on existing equipment by certain deadlines. There are also proposed incentives to split channels sooner than required. Overall, after a short adjustment period resulting in some increased compliance activity, interference and other complaints should be significantly reduced.

E. Federal Rules That Overlap, Duplicate or Conflict With These Rules

will reduce interference to all licensees and expand capacity eventually by over 300 percent. That extra capacity will allow existing entities to expand and new entities to meet future mobile communications needs. In total these actions will permit approximately 20 to 30 million additional transmitters to be licensed. We estimate that on average a transmitter and associated hardware and software will be valued at over \$1000. Thus, these proposed rules would cost the public approximately \$500 million, but produce \$20 to \$40 billion in additional equipment sales. Overall, approximately 100,000 currently licensed small entities would be affected both positively and negatively, and approximately 300,000 small entities would be strictly positively affected in the future.

G. Any Significant Alternatives Minimizing the Impact on Small Entities Consistent With the Stated Objectives

15. None

List of Subjects

47 CFR Part 1

Private land mobile radio, Radio.

47 CFR Part 2

Private land mobile radio, Radio.

47 CFR Part 88

Private land mobile radio, Radio.

47 CFR Part 90

Private land mobile radio, Radio.

47 CFR Part 94

Private operational-fixed microwave, Radio.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before December 16, 1992, to be considered in the formulation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, ATTN: Ms. Valorie R. Lee, OUSD(A), 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. FAX No. (703) 697-9845. Please cite DAR Case 92-D007 in all correspondence related to this issue.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Valorie R. Lee, Procurement Analyst, DAR Council, (703) 697-7255, FAX No. (703) 697-9845.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

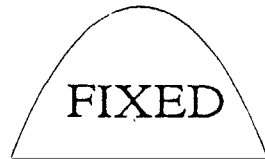
A. Background

The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition) directed that a working group be established to draft revisions to DOD regulations to ensure that the Department of Defense's suspension and debarment practices are being applied uniformly. This proposed rule provides uniform debarment and suspension procedures to be used by all DOD debarring officials.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The proposed rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq., because contractors availing themselves of the opportunity to present matters in opposition to suspension or debarment

Channel Splits



... R/C CHANNELS